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1. THE POLITICAL COMMISSION OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY MET IN ROME MAY 9 TO CONSIDER A REPORT ON CSCE, WITH REFERENCE TO THE FORTHCOMING BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE, PREPARED BY SERGIO SEGRE, AN ITALIAN COMMUNIST DEPUTY AND CHIEF OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S (PCI) FOREIGN SECTION. SEGRE'S REPORT, WHICH WAS OVER 50 PAGES IN LENGTH, WAS SEVERAL MONTHS IN THE MAKING AND HAD BEEN REVIEWED IN EARLIER DRAFTS BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

2. THE BASIC DIRECTIONS OF SEGRE'S REPORT, APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 16 MEMBERS FAVORABLE, ONE OPPOSED, AND ONE ABSTAINING, ARE THAT THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND THAT PROGRESS IN THE AREA OF DETENTE WILL LEAD TO PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. CHARACTERIZING THE PRESENT SITUATION AS ONE IN WHICH A NUMBER OF VARIABLES ARE AT PLAY, SEGRE NOTES  
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THE NEED TO PLAY DOWN THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, ONE OF THE GREATEST DANGERS CONFRONTING THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE IS AN EXCHANGE OF USELESS ACCUSATIONS BY THE OPPOSING BLOCS. IN SEGRE'S WORDS THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE DETERMINED NOT BY CONCENTRATING ON LACK OF PAST PERFORMANCE IN LIVING UP TO THE FINAL ACT, BUT BY FOCUSING ON NEW WAYS TO ENCOURAGE GREATER

COOPERATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

3. ACCORDING TO A PRESS SUMMARY, SEGRE'S REPORT OBSERVES THAT US FOREIGN POLICY IS PERVADED BY A PREOCCUPATION ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WORLD. REGARDING PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA IN THE WESTER WORLD, SEGRE NOTES VISA RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE USG, THE SITUATION PERTAINING IN CYPRUS AND IRELAND, AND THE FACT THAT A RECENT CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN OSLO OBSERVED THAT EVEN THE RIGHT TO WORK IS A LIBERTY WHICH MUST BE PRESERVED AND PROTECTED.

COMMENT. THE THRUST OF THE REPORT IS THAT WHICH ONE MIGHT EXPECT FROM A PCI EXPONENT. THE PCI HAS CONSISTENTLY POINTED OUT, IN QUESTIONING THE WISDOM OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS IT PERTAINS TO EASTERN EUROPE, THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PRESERVE DETENTE AT ALL COSTS AND THAT WITH PROGRESS IN DETENTE THERE WILL BE EVENTUAL PROGRESS IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. FINALLY, THE LINE IN THE REPORT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PCI'S CURRENT THINKING THAT A DETERIORATION IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS COULD HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE IMPACT ON THE PARTY'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL FORTUNES. GARDNER

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